

DEFICIENCY, CONTINGENT, MARINE CORPS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE  
NAVY SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF DEFICIENCY APPROPRI-  
ATION FOR CONTINGENT FOR MARINE CORPS.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, January 18, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, of the 17th instant, submitting an estimate of deficiency in the appropriation for "Contingent, Marine Corps," for the fiscal years 1898, 1899, and 1900, for extra-duty pay, etc., to enlisted men of the Marine Corps, as specified therein, amounting to \$2,702.96.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, January 17, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress, an estimate of a deficiency appropriation, amounting to \$2,702.96, to pay certain enlisted men of the Marine Corps who were detailed on duty at the headquarters of the corps, Washington, D. C., and in the office of the assistant quartermaster, Marine Corps, Philadelphia, Pa., from April 26, 1898, to May 25, 1900, inclusive, said amount being the difference between extra-duty pay, which was stopped by the provisions of the army reorganization act approved April

26, 1898, and the increase of 20 per cent of the pay that enlisted men of the Army and of the Marine Corps were receiving during that period.

I inclose herewith a copy of a letter from the brigadier-general, commandant United States Marine Corps, dated the 9th instant, with inclosures, in explanation of this estimate.

Very respectfully,

JOHN D. LONG, *Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

No. 8.]

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

*Washington, D. C., January 9, 1902.*

SIR: I inclose herewith a consolidated pay roll, prepared by the quartermaster of the Marine Corps, showing the men who were detailed on extra duty at these headquarters and in the office of the assistant quartermaster of the Marine Corps in Philadelphia, Pa., at the time the payment of extra-duty pay was stopped by the provisions of the act of Congress approved April 26, 1898, entitled "An act for the better reorganization of the line of the Army of the United States."

These men were subjected to a great hardship through the provisions of the act above referred to, inasmuch as they were deprived of their extra-duty pay at a time when their work was very much more arduous than usual as the result of the war with Spain. Owing to the fact that the clerical force at these headquarters and at the office of the assistant quartermaster of the corps in Philadelphia was not increased after the commencement of the war with Spain, it was necessary for these men to work until late at night and on Sundays and holidays, in order to keep up the increased volume of work which became necessary owing to the temporary increase in the strength of the corps during the war, and the numerous transfers, etc., consequent upon the placing in commission of a large number of vessels, as well as the sending of large detachments of marines to Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippine Islands, and Guam.

Owing to the fact that the men referred to in the inclosed pay roll occupy a peculiar position as regards their pay, it being governed by the same laws as apply to enlisted men in the United States Army, they were deprived of compensation amounting, in the case of men receiving 50 cents per diem to \$15 per month, and \$10.50 in the case of men receiving 35 cents per diem, and received the 20 per cent increase on their pay proper, which only amounted to \$2.60 per month in the case of privates, and \$3.60 per month in the case of sergeants, thus reducing their monthly pay \$7.90 and \$11.40, respectively, at a time when their work was greatly increased by reason of the additional amount of correspondence, etc., required, owing to the war with Spain.

In view of the facts above stated, I have the honor to request that the inclosed pay roll be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a recommendation that the amounts specified therein be embraced in the deficiency appropriation, as it appears that this mode of procedure will insure relief to the hard-working and meritorious men whose names are borne on the pay roll in question.

In this connection the attention of the Department is invited to the letter of this office, No. 49, dated February 14, 1901, requesting sim-

ilar action to that recommended in this letter. A copy of House Document No. 474, which relates to the action recommended February 14, 1901, is herewith inclosed for the information of the Department.

Attention is respectfully invited to the fact that the amount called for on the inclosed rolls is not in the nature of extra compensation for services performed, or in the nature of a gratuity, but is required simply to give them the same pay for the period mentioned, i. e., April 26, 1898, to May 26, 1900, as they received prior to April 26, 1898, and since May 26, 1900.

The enlisted men on duty at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., whose duties are similar to those of the men at these headquarters and the office of the assistant quartermaster, were deprived of their extra-duty pay from the passage of the act of Congress approved April 26, 1898, until May 26, 1900, but have since received the entire amount of said pay by the action of Congress upon the recommendation of the honorable Secretary of War, and it seems but just that the enlisted men of the Marine Corps should receive similar relief, as it is not believed that Congress, in passing the act of April 26, 1898, intended that a man's duties should be increased and his compensation decreased.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES HEYWOOD,  
*Brigadier-General, Commandant.*

The SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Roll of enlisted men employed on extra duty as clerks, messengers, laborers, etc., during the period from April 26, 1898, to May 25, 1900, by Brig. Gen. Commandant Charles Heywood, Washington, D. C., station, and assistant quartermaster's office, Philadelphia, Pa.

No.	Name.	Rank or designation.	Station.	By whose order employed.	In what capacity employed.	Number of days' service.	Rate and amount of pay.	
							Per diem.	Amount.
							<i>Cents.</i>	
1	Fentress, W. W .....	Quartermaster-sergeant ....	Washington, D. C .....	Brigadier-general, commandant	Clerk .....	652	50	\$326.00
2	Altemus, G. F. ....	Sergeant .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	652	50	326.00
3	Doerner, R. ....	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	652	50	326.00
4	Ledoux, O. ....	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	652	50	326.00
5	Bankert, S. M .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	652	50	326.00
6	McGuire, James .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	652	50	326.00
7	Conklin, J. H. ....	Corporal .....	do .....	do .....	Messenger .....	652	35	228.20
8					Mechanic .....	57	50	28.50
9					Messenger .....	595	35	208.25
10					Laborer .....	57	35	19.95
11	Williams, F. R. ....	Private .....	do .....	do .....	Messenger .....	595	35	208.25
12	Maxwell, R. W .....	Quartermaster-sergeant ....	Philadelphia, Pa .....	do .....	Clerk .....	760	35	266.00
13	Bourrett, N. L. ....	Sergeant .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	760	35	266.00
14	Davis, James .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	760	35	266.00
15	Cassidy, Thomas .....	Private .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	760	35	266.00
16	Griesing, C. W. ....	do .....	do .....	do .....	Messenger .....	760	35	266.00
	Delaney, T. J .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	760	35	266.00
	Total .....							3,919.15

The six men employed in the office of the assistant quartermaster, Philadelphia, Pa., are required for duty on Sundays.

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Names.	Extra-duty pay.	War pay.	Balance.
Fentress, W. W.....	\$326.00	\$147.50	\$178.50
Altamus, G. F.....	326.00	90.00	236.00
Doerner, R.....	326.00	90.00	236.00
Ledoux, O.....	326.00	90.00	236.00
Bankert, S. M.....	326.00	90.00	236.00
McGuire, James.....	228.20	83.70	144.50
Conklin, J. H.....	236.75	66.22	170.53
Williams, F. R.....	228.20	65.00	163.20
Maxwell, R. W.....	266.00	127.87	138.13
Bourrett, N. L.....	266.00	80.90	185.10
Davis, James.....	266.00	90.00	176.00
Cassidy, Thomas.....	266.00	65.00	201.00
Griesing, C. W.....	266.00	65.00	201.00
Delaney, J. T.....	266.00	65.00	201.00
Total.....	3,919.15	1,216.19	2,702.96

NOTE.—The amounts shown in third column are the sums which each man would receive after deducting the amounts shown in second column, "War pay," from the amounts shown by first column. It will thus be seen that the entire amount required for the payments would be but \$2,702.96.

*Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal years 1898, 1899, and 1900 by the quartermaster United States Marine Corps.*

## MARINE CORPS.

## Contingent, Marine Corps—

For payment of per diem to enlisted men detailed on extra duty as clerks, messengers, etc., in the offices at headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., and the office of the assistant quartermaster, United States Marine Corps, Philadelphia, Pa., less the 20 per cent war increase already paid, from April 26, 1898, to May 25, 1900, inclusive. (Submitted)..... \$2,702.96

